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MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SMUGGLING 7 YEAR OLD

TUCSON – Marisol Valenzuela-Guicosa, 20, a citizen of Mexico and resident of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced here to 15 months incarceration, by U.S. District Judge John M. Roll on May 7, 2007. Valenzuela-Guicosa had pleaded guilty on January 25, 2007, to Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens for Profit.

Valenzuela-Guicosa admitted the following facts when she pleaded guilty:

On October 7, 2006, I applied for admission into the United States via the pedestrian lane at the Nogales Port of Entry, in the District of Arizona. I was accompanying a 7-year old minor female, L. G. C.-N. I told the Inspector that the girl was my sister-in-law and presented a laser visa belonging to another girl. After *Miranda*, I admitted I did not know the girl, and that a man named "Danny" had paid me \$100 to cross the girl into the United States from Mexico. "Danny" gave me the visa, and told me the girl already knew the information on the card, but that I should review it with her while waiting to cross into the United States. I knew the visa did not belong to the girl. I admitted that I was going to deliver the girl to a woman at the Factory 2U store in Nogales, Arizona. I knew the girl was present in the United States illegally.

The investigation in this case was conducted by United States Customs and Border Protection, Nogales, Arizona. The prosecution was handled by Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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